

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed December 13, 2004 which imposed a restriction and election requirement. Claim 13 has been amended to comply therewith. No other claim has been amended.

No change in inventorship is necessitated by the Amendment.

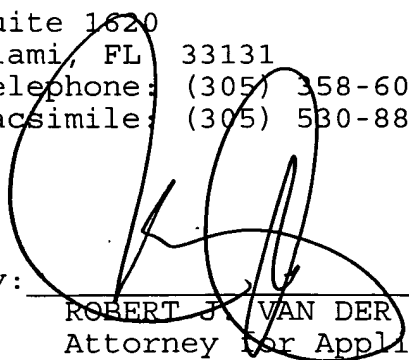
Reconsideration and reexamination of the Application as herewith amended is respectfully requested.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing paper has been deposited **January 12, 2005** with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, which is a date prior to the expiration of the set period, as extended if necessary, and I therefore assert timely filing of the foregoing paper in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.8.

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